



THE PLANET CAUCUS

**GLOBAL CAMPAIGN BY PARLIAMENTARIANS TO DEFEND THE
CLIMATE, BIODIVERSITY AND THE RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS
PEOPLES AND TRADITIONAL COMMUNITIES**

**MEMBERS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PARLIAMENTARY CAUCUS AND THE
INDIGENOUS RIGHTS PARLIAMENTARY CAUCUS OF BRAZIL CALL ON
LEGISLATORS AROUND THE WORLD TO CAMPAIGN GLOBALLY AGAINST THE
CLIMATE EMERGENCY!**

THE PLANET CAUCUS | ROUTE TO COP 30

**A global campaign of Parliamentarians in defense of the climate, the
biodiversity
and the rights of Indigenous Peoples and traditional communities**

December 3: 10 - 11:30 am

**Internacional Launch | Parliamentary Pavilion (GLOBE International)
Dubai Expo City, Blue Zone, B7, Building 88 (2nd floor)**

December 5: 16:30 - 17:45h

National Launch | Brazil Pavilion

Dubai Expo City, Blue Zone, B3, Building 35

The first recorded use of the word caucus appeared in the British colonies, more specifically in Boston, designating places where men discussed politics - and drank. In Latin, a caucus is a vessel, a drinking bottle. However, this term's possible origin is also from the Native American Indigenous culture. According to other researchers, for native peoples of the Algonquin language, present from the east coast of the United States to Canada, the word cau'-cau-as' means council. The members of the Global Campaign The Planet Caucus | Route to COP 30 revive this Indigenous origin and reaffirm the role of parliamentarians both as lawmakers and as advisors to the peoples of Planet Earth.

The Planet Caucus, which emerged in Brazil on the initiative of legislators from the Parliamentary Fronts for the Defense of Indigenous Rights and for the Environment, will be launched during COP 28 in Dubai with a broad call to members of parliaments from the Global North and South to join the proposal, which has the prospect of becoming a growing global initiative by COP 30, happening in Belém do Pará, Brazil, in 2025. In its formation, the Caucus would then be made up of parliamentarians who represent the wisdom of different cultures, peoples and traditions, all united in defense of life on Planet Earth, the climate, biodiversity and the participation of Indigenous and traditional peoples in climate discussions, negotiations and solutions.

The main objective of the Planet Caucus is to help UNFCCC member countries fulfill the commitments they made in their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) towards the goals of the Paris Agreement. To this end, it will focus on:

- Supporting the development of advocacy campaigns by parliamentarians and existing global networks and alliances.
- Publicizing successful initiatives and stimulating the presentation of new projects pushing for the NDCs adopted in the next two years by governments to become law.
- Strengthen projects and proposals for COP 30, including training and capacity building, in partnership with civil society, to increase the Caucus' capacity to influence the agenda, processes and negotiations at the conference in Belém.

The Planet Caucus will be organized around regional and global sub-campaigns:

The first, with a more regional focus: **The Amazon Emergency is a Climate Emergency**, aims to bring together parliamentarians from the nine Latin American countries where the forest is located to mobilize the rest of the world to protect the rainforest and its peoples. At the moment, the Amazon is going through the worst drought in its history

and Brazil is experiencing the highest temperatures ever recorded, with thermometers in Rio de Janeiro reaching 53° (125° F). And this phenomenon is likely to repeat itself and spread if concrete measures are not taken against the main agents of climate change (deforestation and extractivism, specially, fossil fuel), and if the energy transition is not carried out in a just and equitable manner, taking into account the impacts of mining in the Amazon, preserving Indigenous territories and protected areas. Science has already proven that without a protected Amazon it will not be possible to keep global temperatures increases below 1.5°.

The second focus of the campaign is global, and touches on one of the points most discussed at the climate conferences: financing, but with pressure for concrete measures to be taken on access and **direct financing of climate funds for Indigenous Peoples and traditional communities**. Indigenous Peoples and traditional communities organizations around the world have been calling for the climate funding promised by governments and entities to actually reach the communities who are the true guardians of the forests and protectors of the climate and biodiversity, but only 7% of global funds reach these organizations directly.

The third campaign is also regional, in defense of waters, rivers and springs around the world, **For the Protection of the Rivers and Headwaters: Stop the War on Water**. Experts say that if we don't act now, two thirds of the world's population could face a shortage of drinking water within the next two years. This will affect billions of people! On this front, the first phase of the campaign for member countries to regulate the crime of **Ecocide** can also be worked on, with an initial focus on rivers.

The Caucus for the Planet Campaign is being built in partnership and coordination with other initiatives by parliamentarians for the climate, such as the Global Alliance for a Green New Deal, Parliamentary Observatory on Climate Change and Just Transition (OPCC), GLOBE - Global Legislators Organization for a Balanced Environment, reinforcing initiatives and adding proposals linked to the campaign's axes through the campaign.